

they would only name those cuts. It will be education, it will be health care. They would jeopardize Social Security.

End the triple fraud. Let us be honest about the numbers. Show us the cuts.

BARRY GOLDWATER

(Mr. KOLBE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note with profound sadness the passing of my fellow Arizonan, Senator Barry Goldwater, a great American statesman.

I was just 10 years old when I met Barry Goldwater at an old-fashioned political rally in the little town of Elgin, Arizona. At the time he was running against an incumbent Democrat Senator, Majority leader Ernest McFarland. Nobody thought he could do it, but he won. The rest, as they say is history.

Six years later Barry nominated me to become his Senate page, and I served in that capacity for 3 years. That is when I got to know, really know, this extraordinary man. He always said what was on his mind. He never shaded the truth.

Mr. Speaker, Barry Goldwater did not spend a lot of time worrying about whether he would be elected or not. He worried instead about principles and about America. He did not change his principles, but America changed.

In an era of cynicism and distrust of public officials, Barry Goldwater's life stands as a reminder of values that are lasting and eternal—honesty, integrity, patriotism. We will miss him, but in our hearts we know he was right.

Farewell, my friend.

JOIN THE CONGRESSIONAL DIABETES CAUCUS

(Mr. NETHERCUTT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. NETHERCUTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to advise my colleagues that representatives of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation will be meeting with each of you today to advocate more Federal funding for diabetes research to cure this very serious disease. Diabetes is one of the leading causes of death and disability in America.

Now these JDF representatives are not paid lobbyists. They are individuals from all walks of life, of Democrat and Republican Party affiliation. They are male and female, Democrats, Republicans, of all religions, and only caring about one thing. That is curing diabetes.

They will tell you their personal story about diabetes. They will ask you to become a member of the Congressional Diabetes Caucus, which now numbers 159 Members. They will ask my colleagues to show that they care about diabetes.

So I urge my colleagues to welcome these individuals to your offices, listen to their stories, fund the Federal research to cure diabetes, and welcome them to Capitol Hill.

IT IS TIME FOR CONGRESS TO EXAMINE THE THREAT TO OUR NATIONAL SECURITY

(Mr. ROGAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Speaker, India and then Pakistan conducted nuclear tests. China transferred nuclear technology to Pakistan and Iran. Now we learn the United States Government may have given missile technology to communist China, the same country that transferred nuclear technology to Pakistan and Iran. But rest assured, we are told, the Chinese communist government has assured us they will not do that any more.

It is time for Congress to examine this threat to our national security. It is time for the White House to explain how it is that transferring authority for satellite waivers from the State Department to the Commerce Department was in our national interest. The White House should respond to a recent Pentagon report that concluded that "Our national security has been harmed" as a result of these transfers arising out of China's rocket failure in February 1996.

The President should respond to these questions, Mr. Speaker, before the next nuclear test takes the world by surprise again.

SUPPORT THE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AMENDMENT

(Mr. THUNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. THUNE. Mr. Speaker, there are people out there who are afraid of the Religious Freedom Amendment. They are afraid that it goes too far.

But let me just ask my colleagues this: Is it not going too far to ban prayer at high school graduations when guns and violence have become all too common in our schools?

Is it not going too far to ban nativity scenes and menorahs in public places and replace them with a Santa Claus on every street corner? And then we wonder why Christmas has become so commercialized.

Is it not going too far to ban the Ten Commandments from our schools and replace them with the distribution of free condoms instead?

Things have already gone too far, way too far. It is time to bring the separation of church and state back from the fringe of extremist interpretation. It is time to bring back common sense.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the Religious Freedom Amendment.

WHO IS MINDING THE STORE?

(Mr. WELDON of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, to look at American policy of helping China develop its missile and rocket programs, one can only ask who is minding the store. While most Americans would think that we should not be arming our adversaries, apparently there are some in this administration who think otherwise. This is liberalism at its most mindless and most dangerous.

How else to explain the administration's policy of helping Communist China develop its missile and rocket program? How else to explain the administration's decision to allow the Commerce Department to overrule the Justice Department and the Pentagon in matters of national security? How else do we explain the administration's decision to help China to perfect its Long March missile? How else do we explain the administration's policy of arming the same country that reportedly has 13 long-range strategic missiles pointed at the United States?

I cannot explain it, and I do not know how the administration is going to attack their accusers this time. It is the American people who are demanding answers.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 78, CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT RESTORING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 453 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution as follows:

H. RES. 453

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 78) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States restoring religious freedom. The joint resolution shall be considered as read for amendment. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the joint resolution shall be considered as adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) two hours of debate on the joint resolution, as amended, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary; (2) the further amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, which may be offered only by the Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent; and (3) one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) is recognized for 1 hour.